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JERUSALEM PASS TO AMB LEWIS

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS MILI PBOR IS LE  
SUBJ: SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON

1. IDF INTELLIGENCE REUUESTED MEETING WITH DATT AT 1015Z,  
2 AUG TO PROVIDE RECAPITULATION AND UPDATE OF EVENTS IN  
SOUTHERN LEBANON AS FOLLOWS:

A. ON 31 JULY A SYRIAN INFANTRY COMPANY OF 114TH BATTALION  
FROM 52D MECH INF BDE ACCOMPANIED THE LEBANESE FORCE IN THE  
MOVE SOUTH. FOR SOME PORTIONS OF THE TRANSIT IT MAY HAVE  
LED THE CONVOY. (NO MORE DETAILS AS TO SIZE OR  
NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL OR EQUIPMENT). THIS "COMPANY"  
ARRIVED IN THE VICINITY OF KAWKABA WITH THE LEBANESE ARMY.  
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B. ON 1 AUG THE SYRIAN COMPANY WITHDREW AND  
DEPLOYED ALONG THE ROAD BETWEEN HASBAYYA AND ADH DHUNAYBAH  
(CORRECT TO 1630Z, 1 AUG 78).

C. AS OF 1015Z, 2 AUG THE LOCATION OF THE SYRIAN  
FORCE IS UNCLEAR. THE IDF INTELLIGENCE DOES NOT KNOW

THE EXACT SITUATION ON THE GROUND.

D. THE IDF STILL HOLDS THERE TO BE THREE SYRIAN OFFICERS ASSIGNED AS LIAISON OFFICERS TO THE LEBANESE ARMY OF THE SOUTH.

E. IT WAS QUIET DURING THE NIGHT OF AUG 1-2 BESIDES SOME EARLY EVENING MORTAR ROUNDS DIRECTED AT UNIFIL VEHICLES BY LEBANESE CHRISTIANS BY MISTAKE (THOUGHT THEM TO BE LEBANESE ARMY VEHICLES).

F. AS OF 1015Z THERE HAS BEEN NO CONFRONTATION OR CLASH BETWEEN THE CHRISTIAN MILITIA AND THE LEBANESE ARMY. ALTHOUGH PUBLIC RADIO INDICATES THAT FIRING IS TAKING PLACE. IDF STATES ANY FIRING TAKING PLACE IS MOST LIKELY MORE OF HADDAD'S "WARNING SHOTS".

G. NEGOTIATION ACTIVITIES BETWEEN CHRISTIAN MILITIA AND LEBANESE ARMY REPRESENTATIVES:

(1) ON MORNING OF 1 AUG HADDAD PLACED THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS TO SAAD:

(A) THE ROUTE CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE AND WILL NOT SERVE AS A FUTURE SUPPLY ROUTE;

(B) ONLY LIGHT VEHICLES MAY TRANSIT, NO HEAVY WEAPONS AND SUPPORT WEAPONS (TRANSLATED BY CONFIDENTIAL

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IDF ANALYST AS MEANING NO ARTILLERY OR APC'S);

(C) THE FORCE WILL NOT PASS THROUGH MARJAOUN AND QLAYAH BUT DETOUR TO A ROUTE THAT PASSES TO THE EAST;

(D) THE FIRING OF HADDAD MUST BE WITHDRAWN.

(2) ALL HADDAD' CONDITIONS AND DEMANDS WERE REJECTED BY THE GOL REP.

(3) DURING THE EVENING OF 1 AUG ANOTHER MEETING TOOK PLACE AT WHICH HADDAD SUGGESTED THAT THE LEBANESE ARMY FORCE ESTABLISH ITSELF IN THE KAWKABA AREA AND END ONLY ONE COMPANY TO TIBNIN. THIS COMPANY COULD BE ROTATED PERIODICALLY. THE RESPONSE IS NOT KNOWN SINCE THE RECOMMENDATION HAD TO BE REFERRED TO LEBANESE ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN BEIRUT.

(4) ANOTHER MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR MORNING HOURS 2 AUG, RESULTS NOT KNOWN IN IDF HQ.

2. LOCAL HEBREW RADIO AT 1200 STATED THAT CHRISTIAN MILITIA SOURCES REPORTED SOLDIERS OF THE (LEBANESE

ARMY) EXPEDITIONARY FORCES WERE FLEEING NORTH;  
SYRIANS ARE FIRING ON THOSE FLEEING TO PREVENT  
THIS, AND THAT REINFORCEMENTS WERE COMING IN FROM  
THE NORTH. IDF CHECKED THEIR SOURCES AND SAID  
NONE OF THE ABOVE WAS TRUE. SITUATION REMAINS QUIET,  
EXCEPT FOR SPORADIC WARNING SHOTS FROM HADDAD. LEWIS

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